

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on August 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jim Gwaltney offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hasselbrink led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Robert Baker, San Clemente
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine
John Perry, San Juan Capistrano
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
David Sloan, Seal Beach
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Tri Ta, Westminster

Rick Barnett, Villa Park
Laurie Davies, Laguna Niguel
Craig Green, Placentia
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Robert Johnson, Cypress
Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest
Vicente Sarmiento, Santa Ana
David Shawver, Stanton
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo

Absent: Al Murray, Tustin

Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman
Assistant Chief Brian Young
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Communications Director Sandy Cooney

Assistant Chief Dave Thomas
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller
General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

PRESENTATIONS

1. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (X: 11.09)

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Lalloway, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve requests as submitted and make presentations to those present.

A. Chair Hernandez and Fire Chief Bowman presented a plaque to former Santa Ana OCFA Director Angelica Amezcua for her service on the Board of Directors. (F: 11.02)

B. Chair Hernandez introduced Division Chief Greg McKeown who provided a brief history of the OCFA Fire Explorer Academy. OCFA Foundation Chair Doug Davert received a donation in the amount of \$8,000 from Anna and Jim Woyjeck from the Kevin Woyjeck Foundation. (F: 13.03F4)

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

No report, due to the cancellation of the June meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Hernandez reported the Claims Settlement Committee considered Workers' Compensation claims for claimants Carl Henriksen, Durand Swansen, Mark Menier, and Richard Witesman; there were no reportable actions.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman introduced Assistant Chief Dave Thomas who provided a wildland fire update, summarized briefings on fire behavior, and his attendance at a recent CAL Office of Emergency Services meeting.

Fire Chief Bowman presented his FY 2016/17 Strategic Plan Domain Objectives and Performance Measures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed his opposing views regarding: the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL), OCERS pension liability obligation on member cities, and the proposed labor contracts.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the July 28, 2016, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Sachs, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the Minutes as submitted. Director Barnett was recorded as an abstention, due to his absence from the meeting.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item 3A was pulled for separate consideration)

A. Acceptance of 2016 Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search & Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement Funding (F: 16.02B)

Director Sachs pulled this item from the Consent Calendar to request staff to provide an update regarding the status of Urban Search and Rescue warehouse.

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2016-06 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE FEMA NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE US&R EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF US&R EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.
2. Direct staff to increase revenue and appropriations in the amount of \$1,235,582 in the General Fund (Fund 121).

Director Ta arrived at this point (6:40 p.m.).

B. Secured Fire Protection Agreement with Sanderson J. Ray Jamboree Apartments, LLC (Irvine) (F: 18.14)

On motion of Director Shawver and second by Director Spitzer, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to execute a Secured Fire Protection Agreement with Sanderson J. Ray Jamboree Apartments, LLC, as related to the Main and Jamboree Apartments Project in Irvine.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Authority to record the Secured Fire Protection Agreement in the Official Records of the County of Orange, and furnish the developer a copy of the conformed documents within fifteen days of recordation.

Director Tsunoda arrived at this point (6:56 p.m.).

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)
No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR
No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Spitzer addressed pension liability comments made during the meeting. He noted the County and Yorba Linda ambulance providers offer CPR courses to the public. He requested staff poll OCFA's member agencies to determine who else offers these types of CPR programs.

Director Barnett addressed concerns of pension liabilities and requested the following subjects be agendaized for future consideration: OCERS true termination pension liability, an OCFA actuarial data extract report, consideration of an Ad Hoc Pension Reform Committee, and have staff provide a summary of the number of workers' compensation claims filed within one year before the claimant's retirement date; to include three year historical data. (F: 11.13A)

Chair Hernandez announced the upcoming Deployment Demonstrations for those directors who were unable to attend prior demonstrations, an upcoming Board training opportunity by former Navy Seal Jacko Willink, the annual Benevolent Fall Festival Event on October 2, and the upcoming Special Board meeting on September 1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.11)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed Closed Session Item No. 2, remarking on the Fire Chief's performance.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1, Threat to Public Services or Facilities; CS2, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; and CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Chair Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

CS1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Authority: Government Code Section 54957(a)

Consultation with Irvine Police Department Lieutenant and Sergeant

CS2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – Initiation of Litigation (1 case)

Chair Hernandez reconvened the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported that the Board conducted the performance evaluation of the Fire Chief and that there were no additional reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. to the special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.



Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority